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1235 Chapala Street
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Dear Susan Young:

This Letter of Recommendation is written on behalf of Diego Santos in support of his application for a youth intern position within the Santa Barbara Parks and Recreation Program.

I recently retired from the Santa Barbara Public Schools District after more than 37 years in teaching and administration in Spain, in the Bay Area and here in Santa Barbara. I am currently employed in a part-time position teaching Spanish at Santa Barbara High School.

I have known Diego Santos for some three years. I was his Spanish 3-4 teacher at San Marcos High School in his sophomore year. Since then we have kept in close contact even though I had transferred to teach at Santa Barbara High School year before last.

First and foremost, I consider Diego to be honorable, genuine and very kind. He has always demonstrated a deep respect for his fellow students and for me, his teacher. He is sincere and mature beyond his years. As a student of Spanish, he was hardworking, responsible and very dutiful. He went over and above what was required. In fact, he was one of a very few that memorized and performed a cappella a Mexican *corrido*, "Juan Charrasqueado" consisting of eight stanzas, some 32 verses. He did this for extra credit even though he had already secured an "A" in the class. I am still impressed with this minor endeavor that speaks so well of his personal drive and ambition. Since then, I witnessed another performance of his singing at a talent show in front of fellow students, parents and guests at San Marcos High School. Again, I heartily applauded his efforts to excel.

I cannot speak highly enough of Diego and my personal admiration for his achievements in and out of the classroom. I offer him my highest regard and recommendation for the position of youth intern in your program.

Should you have further questions, please contact me either by phone, 805-403-2652 or by e-mail, danielarch49@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



Daniel Archuleta

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